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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Debriefing of Casimer Yost, Senate Foreign Relations Staff

1. On 22 February 1984, Casimer Yost of the Senate Foreign Relations staff provided DI/NESA analysts with a debriefing on his trip to South Asia in January 1984.

Attending from NESA were [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Yost recounted his impressions of current developments and trends in Nepal, India, and Pakistan. He discussed Nepalese dissatisfaction with India's pervasive influence in Nepal and Nepal's frustration at not being able to lessen its dependence on India. With regard to Indo-Pakistan relations, he described his perception of a souring trend and the problems President Zia faces in maintaining domestic stability. In India, the timing of the next national election is a major issue and Mr. Yost indicated the fragmented political opposition represents no real problem for Prime Minister Gandhi.

2. Mr. Yost reported that his staff colleagues, Peter Galbraith and John Rich, also would be interested in debriefing on their recent trips to South Asia. We thanked Mr. Yost for providing us with his trip reports in advance of the debriefing and the opportunity to talk with him directly.

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